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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S JULY 22 SPEECH ON KOREA - VENEZUELA

REF: STATE 184201

1. EMBOFF BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF SR. GONZALO SANCHEZ, UN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 SPEECH WHICH CONTAINED REITERATION OF PROPOSAL CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN KOREAN PENINSULA, AND MADE POINTS ON KOREAN SECTION CONTAINED REFTTEL.

2. 2. SANCHEZ NOTED THAT WHILE GOV WOULD LIKE TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO U.S. ON THIS ITEM VENEZUELA HAS VIRTUALLY NO TIES TO, NOR LEVERAGE OVER NORTH KOREA. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES SOME TIME AGO, GOV HAS NO INTENTION OF OPENING OFFICES (EITHER COMMERCIAL OR DIPLOMATIC) IN NORTH KOREA, AND HAS ALSO BEEN
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RESISTING NORTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO OPEN A COMMERCIAL OFFICE

HERE.

3. COMMENT: SANCHEZ TOOK CAREFUL NOTES DURING DISCUSSION, PARTICULARLY ON POINT ABOUT U.S. BEING WILLING TO TERMINATE UN COMMAND IF NEW SUITABLE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. WE ACCEPT SANCHEZ'S STATEMENT THAT GOV HAS LITTLE MEANS OF INFLUENCING NORTH KOREANS, EVEN IF IT WERE WILLING TO DO. MOREOVER, BECAUSE OF ITS USUAL THIRD WORLD STANCE, WE DOUBT THAT GOV WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE THE LEAD ON PUSHING THIS PROPOSAL IN ANY CASE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE PROPOSAL WERE TO GAIN SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT, WE BELIEVE THAT VENEZUELA WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT SUCH AN ENDEAVOR WITHIN UN COUNCILS. VAKY

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